

SENATE BILL REPORT

SCR 8406

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Economic Development, Trade & Management, February 23, 2007

Brief Description: Creating an aerospace task force.

Sponsors: Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Morton, Schoesler and Hatfield.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Management: 2/20/07, 2/23/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & MANAGEMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Clements, Kauffman and Shin.

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Background: The aerospace industry is the state's largest manufacturing and exporting industry. Airports of regional significance have underutilized property and facilities that could be examined to determine whether they could be used to help the aerospace industry.

Summary of Bill: It is resolved that a task force of the state Senate and House of Representatives is to review the composition of the aerospace industry and factors affecting recruitment, retention, and expansion in the industry. The task force is also to review airports of regional significance and the types of businesses currently located at such airports, the inventory of underused capacity, and the types of aerospace businesses that could be located at such airports, along with resources available and statutory and regulatory changes needed to expand aerospace businesses at such airports.

The task force is to use legislative facilities and staff support and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by June 30, 2008.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: Yes.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This would allow us to see what we can do with vacant land at airports to help economic development. The aerospace task force would

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be a perfect place for business, government, and labor to decide what skills are needed in the industry and look at other crucial decisions. We need to anticipate downturns and help businesses compete.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Shin, prime sponsor; Linda Lanham, Aerospace Futures Alliance of Washington; Jesse Cote, IAM Communications, Aero for Web.